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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

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KEVIN CRATHER ET. AL.

CASE NO.: CL1610USNA

SERIAL NO.: 10/643254

GROUP ART UNIT: 1722

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EXAMINER: DEL SOLE, JOSEPH S.

FOR: APPARATUS, SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MAKING HYDROGEL  
PARTICLESAMENDMENT AND REPLYCommissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Introductory Comments

This is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 27, 2006. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and submit the following in support thereof. Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 04-1928.